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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
16 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. 3-07-70658 BZ
18 Plaintiff,) STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
19 v.) ORDER RE CONTINUING HEARING
20 DONALD BRENT ROMANO,) —
21 Defendant.)
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23 The above-captioned matter is set before the Court for preliminary hearing on December
24 11, 2007. The defendant is represented by Daniel Blank, Esq., and the government is represented
25 by Jeffrey Finigan, Assistant United States Attorney. Mr. Blank is still in the process of
26 reviewing voluminous discovery recently produced by the government and the parties are
27 discussing a potential pre-indictment resolution of the case. Accordingly, the parties stipulate
28 and respectfully request that the Court continue the current status conference to December 18,
2007, at 9:30 a.m. for preliminary hearing.

29 The parties also hereby agree to and request that an exclusion of time until December 18,
30 2007, be granted. The parties agree and stipulate that the additional time is appropriate and
31 Stipulation to Continue Hearing
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1 necessary under Rule 5.1(d) and Title 18, United States Code, § 3161(h)(8)(A), because the ends
2 of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in
3 a speedy trial. This time exclusion will allow defense counsel to effectively prepare, taking into
4 account the exercise of due diligence, and will provide for continuity of counsel for the
5 defendant.

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7 DATED: December 10, 2007

/S/ Daniel Blank
DANIEL BLANK
Counsel for Donald Brent Romano

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DATED: December 7, 2007

/S/ Jeffrey R. Finigan
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14 **ORDER**

15 Based upon the foregoing request, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that this matter is
16 continued to December 18, 2007 at 9:30 and that time is excluded for the reasons and on the
17 bases set forth herein.

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20 DATED:

MARIA-ELENA JAMES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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